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Accused Spy Set To Plead Guilty

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LOS ANGELES, Feb. 25—Aerospace engineer Thomas P. Cavanagh, arrested for trying to sell millions of dollars worth of top-secret "stealth" technology to FBI agents posing as Soviet spies, has agreed to plead guilty of espionage, federal prosecutors said today.

Cavanagh, 40, has agreed to a plea bargain with federal prosecutors in which he will plead guilty to two counts of espionage, both of which carry penalties of life imprisonment, Assistant U.S. Attorney Percy Anderson said.

He said Cavanagh probably will enter the guilty pleas at a hearing March 14 when prosecutors will move for dismissal of two other counts of espionage and illegal possession of a machine gun.